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## Fixing the Fort

Old Fort Director Dr. Eugene Watkins hooks up some donated polls from Alliant Energy Thursday afternoon at the site on the Mississippi River front in Fort Madison. Watkins said he's looking at July 1 for an opening date according to city officials. He said he's hoping that American Cruises still have a schedule this summer to help ramp up tourism traffic when the Fort reopens.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

# RSVP looking for summer volunteers

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It's close to planting time and once again the Fort Madison Community Garden is looking for a little help.

About 10 volunteers will meet Thursday morning at 8 a.m. to prep and seed the garden located behind Hy-Vee in the 2700 block of Avenue L.

RSVP, the United Way of the Great River Region's Retired Senior Volunteer Program, is organizing the garden again this year.

RSVP Program Director Tammy Hudson said she's still trying to work under the state's 10-person limit rule so the Thursday planting is fairly well staffed,

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# Test Iowa ramps up COVID testing

**GOVERNOR:** By Friday anyone who thinks they should be tested can schedule one

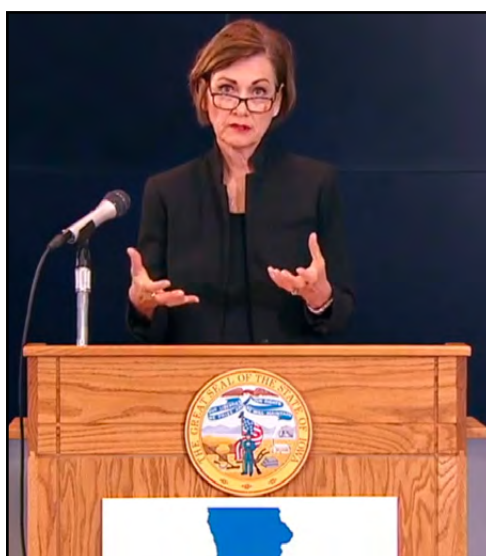
BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

JOHNSTON – The state's \$26 million Test Iowa program should be ready by Friday to schedule a COVID-19 test for anyone who thinks they should get one.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said Thursday during her regular press conference that the state hit a high of daily tests Wednesday at 4,636 tests with 355 of those being positive, or 7.7%.

Reynolds said changes to qualification criteria on the Test Iowa website at [www.testiowa.com](http://www.testiowa.com), would be effective Friday morning as the changes are being added to the system later today.

"We are further expanding testing criteria for Test Iowa later today opening the criteria so anyone who thinks they should be tested can get it," Reynolds said.



The increased testing capacity comes just two days after Iowa's Democratic leadership in the House of Representatives, called for status update on the Test Iowa program citing difficulties in test results as well as the state still under

performing on total testing numbers.

Residents still need to go the Test Iowa site, take or retake the assessment, and then schedule a test at one of the eight sites with drive thru testing available.

The Test Iowa site shows six locations for testing with the closest two being in Ottumwa and Davenport. Ottumwa testing is done from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Beach Ottumwa, 101 Church Street. The Davenport testing site is at Northpark Mall.

"They go on and schedule their appointment so Iowans are in charge of that," Reynolds said.

"After taking the assessment if you qualify, they send them a link, then you go on and look at available appointments, and schedule it. We're gonna

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## ELECTION

# Auditor to hold Saturday curbside voting May 30

LEE COUNTY – Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections announced that the Auditor's Office will be open on Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of casting an absentee ballot for the June 2, 2020 Primary Election.

Voters who wish to vote by absentee ballot for the Primary Election may cast a ballot from your car in the alley behind the Auditor's Office at 933 Ave H. Fort Madison or in the parking lot behind the Courthouse at 25 N. 7th St. Keokuk. They may also cast a ballot until 5 p.m. June 1st.

The deadline to pre-register to vote for this election is 5 p.m. on Friday. After that day, a person may register to vote at the

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## WEATHER

**FRI 22 May** ..... Moderate Rain, 71.3° F/ 63.9° F  
**SAT 23 May** ..... Light Rain, 81.3° F/ 69.7° F  
**SUN 24 May** ..... Light Rain, 84.2° F/ 70.7° F

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## IOWA LOTTERY

**LOTTO AMERICA 05/20** ..... 10 13 22 35 41, Star Ball: 6, All Star Bonus: 2  
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**PICK 3 05/20 EVENING** ..... 0 4 9  
**PICK 4 05/20 MIDDAY** ..... 0 0 7 9  
**PICK 4 05/20 EVENING** ..... 5 8 1 5  
**POWERBALL 05/20** ..... 18 34 40 42 50, Powerball: 9, Power Play: 2

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### RANDY K. BOLTZ

Randy Keith Boltz, 53, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at Unity-Point Health in Keokuk.

He was born on November 30, 1966 at St. Joseph Hospital in Keokuk, IA, the son of Robert and Kathleen Washburn Boltz. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1986.



BOLTZ

He had been employed at Henniges in Keokuk for over 20 years. Randy was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk. He was also a member of the Local 444 UAW Labor Union and the Rough Riders Rodeo Club.

Randy was an excellent horseman and loved riding and training horses. He enjoyed photography and taking pictures of landscapes, his pets and family. Most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren who were his pride and joy.

He is survived by his common-law wife of fourteen years, Christine Hatfield, of Keokuk, two daughters, Randi Helenthal of Keokuk and Vanessa Gray (Britten) of Kahoka, MO, one son, Brandon Boltz (Corey) of San Antonio, TX, one step-son, John Melcher of Keokuk and one step-daughter, Jennifer Melcher of New London, IA. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Lane, Izaak and Mallie Gray, Bentley Melcher, Camden McCredie and John Patrick Wheeler, his parents, Robert and Kathleen Boltz of Keokuk, three brothers, Robert Boltz of Quincy, IL, Roy Boltz (Janet) of Kahoka, MO and John Boltz of Keokuk, two sisters, Theresia Harmon (Jim) and Tammy High (Keith) all of Keokuk and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions on mass gatherings there will be a limit of ten people in the funeral home at one time with social distancing guidelines in effect. Those who attend are encouraged to wear a mask if possible. Be prepared to wait outside or in your cars if there are ten people in the funeral home when you arrive.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Mound Cemetery in rural Keokuk.

Memorials may be made to his son, Brandon Boltz for expenses.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### NORMA L. BOYLES

Norma L. Boyles, 89, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:41 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. She was born on March 29, 1931 in Brooklyn Township, IL to James E. & Gwendolyn Z. Hess Fowler. She married Leland L. Boyles on April 15, 1954 in Chillicothe, IL. He preceded her in death on October 25, 1985. She was a security guard for Pinkerton Security for many years, retiring in 1992. She was a member of the Fort Madison Moose Lodge, Eagles Club and enjoyed bowling in her younger years.

Norma is survived by: 1-niece: Christina Fowler of Bali; 1-nephew: Brian (Annette) Fowler of Springtown, TX & 1-great niece: Brilyn Fowler of Springtown, TX. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband & 1-brother: Grant Fowler.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will be held in Blackburn Cemetery in Brooklyn, IL. Online condolences to Norma's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

### Auditor prepares for heavy absentees

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auditor's office and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for registering on Election Day. A new registrant must provide acceptable proof of identity and

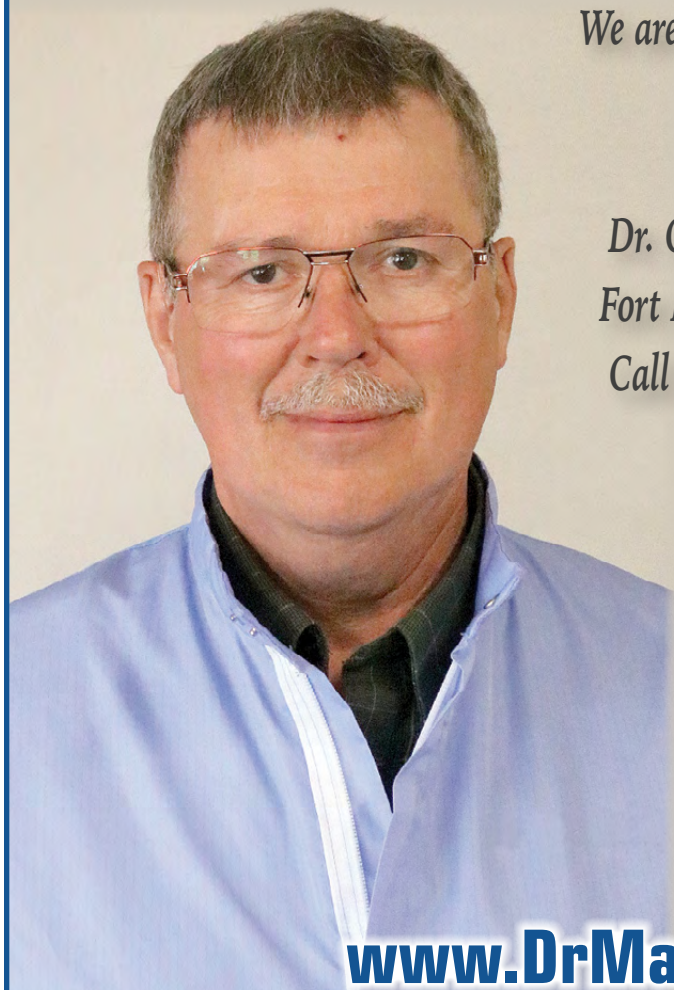
current residence in the precinct. Voters choosing this option should plan to take a few extra minutes for the transaction.

Anyone with questions about the Primary Election is encouraged to call the Auditor's office at 319-372-3705.

Regular office hours for the Auditor's Office are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The hours at the South Lee County Courthouse at 25 N. 7th St. Keokuk are from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**ONLINE COOKING CLASS FOR 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> GRADES**  
Mondays, 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
Wednesdays, 11:00 am to 11:30 am

# Welcome (back)



We are honored to be joined by Dr. Courtney on June 1, after more than three decades of private practice.

Dr. Courtney will be seeing patients at our Fort Madison Family Dentistry West office. Call 319-372-4882 for your appointment.



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## For the Record/Ag News

### USDA allows DSA loans for COVID impact

WASHINGTON D.C. - USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will broaden the use of the Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) loan provision, normally used in the wake of natural disasters, to allow farmers with USDA farm loans who are affected by COVID-19, and are determined eligible, to have their next payment set aside. In some cases, FSA may also set aside a second payment for farmers who have already had one payment set aside because of a prior designated disaster.

"This immediate change of the Set-Aside provision can provide some welcome financial relief to borrowers during this current crisis," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "FSA recognizes that some customers may need this option to improve their cash flow circumstances in response to the COVID-19 outbreak."

FSA direct loan borrowers will receive a letter with the details of the expanded Disaster Set-Aside authorities, which includes the possible set-aside of annual operating loans, as well as explanations of the additional loan servicing options that are available. To discuss or request a loan payment Set-Aside, borrowers should call or email the farm loan staff at their local FSA county office.

The set-aside payment's due date is moved to the final maturity date of the loan or extended up to twelve months in the case of an annual operating loan. Any principal set-aside will continue to accrue interest until it is repaid. This aims to improve the borrower's cashflow in the current production cycle.

FSA previously announced it was relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need. Direct loan applicants and borrowers are encouraged to contact their local FSA county office to discuss loan making and servicing flexibilities and other needs or concerns. Customers participating in FSA's guaranteed loan programs are encouraged to contact

their lender. Information on these flexibilities, and office contact information, can be found on [farmers.gov/coronavirus](http://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

FSA will be accepting most forms and applications by facsimile or electronic signature. Some services are also available online to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov) portal where producers can view USDA farm loan information and certain program applications and payments. Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at [farmers.gov/sign-in](http://farmers.gov/sign-in).

### For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
 05/19/20 – 12:09 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Tony Dean Stalcup, 55, of Fort Madison in the 3700 block of Avenue L, on charges of OWI-2nd offense, reckless driving, and failure to maintain control. He was released on a promise to appear.  
 05/19/20 – 1:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Mandy Wells, 44, of Fort Madison, at the police department on a charge of a dog running at large. She was released.  
 05/20/20 – 6:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of Avenue H.  
 05/20/20 – 6:42 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary, 1200 Avenue E.

05/20/20 – 12:29 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested John Robert Winkle Mead, 41, no address listed, at the police department on two warrants. He was released on a promise to appear.  
 05/20/20 – 12:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 6000 block of Avenue O.  
 05/20/20 – 3:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue H.  
 05/20/20 – 5:09 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2500 block of Avenue I.  
 05/21/20 – 3:01 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Allen William Penrod, 23, no address listed, in the 2200

block of Avenue L, on a warrant service. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
 05/19/20 – no arrests or accidents reported.  
 05/20/20 – 1:02 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Dean Marsh, 48, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 330th Avenue, on a charge of 1st-degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 05/20/20 – 3:39 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Aaron Jones, 38, of Moline, Ill., at the sheriff's office on a warrants of violation of probation and failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

05/20/20 – 10:27 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacoby Daniel Gutting-Simpson, 26, of Argyle, in the 2900 block of 180th Avenue, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report**  
 05/18/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one burning complaint.  
 05/19/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and two burning complaints.  
 05/20/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.

# Do Your Part!

**Great River Regional Waste Authority encourages you to wear gloves when moving bins for residential trash pick-up.**

*Those workers can touch over 2000 bins a day before even touching your bin. Don't forget to wash your hands after bringing in your bin!!*



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 Keokuk Transfer Station: 111 Carbide Lane Keokuk, IA 1-319-524-6175

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## Scene Around Town/From the Front

# Community garden needs volunteer green thumbs

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but she said she's still looking for volunteers to tend to the garden during the summer. Hudson's in her second full year organizing the garden.

That work would include weeding, harvesting and keeping the garden beds clean.

The entire harvest throughout the summer goes to the Fort Madison Food Pantry. Hudson said the garden produced more than 600 lbs of produce last year for food pantry patrons.

She's hoping rain holds off so the garden can be tilled prior to planting. Last year weather hampered plans to get the garden in.

"We had some issues last year getting a date, and then we to reschedule with the weather," Hudson said. "But we got a lot of produce last year. It was something, I'm not a gardener, so I'm just happy if things grow."

She said with the coronavirus pandemic impacting the food pantry, the produce will be a welcome supplement to supplies.

"They're busy down there all the time," she said. "They get a shipment down there and it's out the door. And that's increased now with the virus so this food will be helpful."

In the past, volunteers have included students from Holy Trinity Catholic, volunteers with Lee County Extension,

churches and the food pantry itself have helped keep the garden producing.

"What we really need is people to help tend to the garden throughout the year. It's not hard work, but it can be a lot of work for one person to do so we would take any help we can get," Hudson said.

She said year after year it is tough to keep people coming back and the virus isn't helping with people being concerned about being infected. But she said the volunteers will have masks and gloves and can spread out in the garden.

"If I can coordinate a day or two during the week they can trade off and not have to come out so often. They may be willing to do that and these are hours that students can use toward graduation requirements."

Hudson said although she's not a gardener she's learning as she goes. She said last year they may have over planted tomatoes and the plants grew very tall and began to take over.

"I'm not a master gardener or anything, but I've learned some things about when to plant and when to harvest. This year we may spread the plants out, or thin them a bit more as we go," Hudson said.

Those interested in helping during the summer can contact Hudson at 319-372-8043 at the United Way offices.



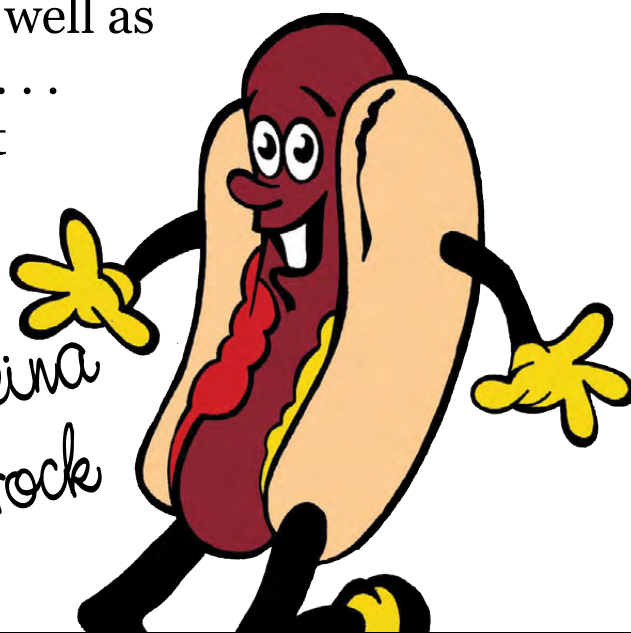
Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Additional support repairs continue at the Humphrey building in downtown Fort Madison. This structure with a hinged door was added Thursday afternoon by contractors working for owner Bryan Humphrey. The city is awaiting the courts to reopen to continue legal proceedings with Humphrey.

## SONNY'S Super Market

The Sonny's staff sends a heartfelt Thank You to our friends, old and new, who have supported us during the COVID-19 situation. As always, we work hard to stay stocked while providing personal service to our customers.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued business during this crazy time, as well as after it passes. . . whenever that may be.



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Pen City Current will publish a special Memorial Day e-Edition on Monday, May 25th and will observe the holiday on Tuesday, May 26th with no e-Edition. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7 and we will resume publication of the e-Edition Wednesday, May 27th.

We remember and celebrate all those who fought for our freedom on this day.

Please celebrate safely and responsibly. We care about all of you.

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## Lee County News/Sports

### Deputies searching for missing Argyle man

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

ARGYLE – The Lee County Sheriff’s Department is asking for help in locating an Argyle man.

Sheriff’s deputies were notified of a suspicious vehicle parked near a railroad crossing on Belfast Road near Argyle Wednesday. Upon investigation it was determined the vehicle was last driven by Jacob Pezley from Argyle. The vehicle, a 2003 white Pontiac Vibe, was located near his residence.

According to Lee County Sheriff’s Detective Chad Donaldson, when Pezley’s family was contacted, they indicated they hadn’t seen him since Monday sometime between 9 and 10 p.m.

“We’re not sure how long the car had been there. It was called in yesterday and we went out and checked on it and determined it had last been driven by Jacob,” he said.

Donaldson said deputies scoured the area near the car on foot and used a drone with a thermal camera to try and locate Pezley but had no success. He said the department will reassess the situation on Friday if Pezley isn’t located before then.

Anyone having information in regards to his location is asked to contact the Lee County Sheriff’s Department at 319-372-1152.

### Great River Health announces more changes

*Moves bring health system closer to regular operations*

WEST BURLINGTON – Great River Health is making more changes to resume normal operations as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. These three things will occur Tuesday, May 26:

The temporary respiratory clinic for people who have respiratory symptoms that may indicate COVID-19 will move to Great River QuickCare, 624 S. Roosevelt St., Suite 102, Burlington. Appointments are required. Call 319-768-1009.

Services that had been offered at QuickCare will move to Family Medicine-Great River Medical Center, 1201 W. Agency Rd., West Burlington. To reduce waiting times, appointments for same-day treatment will be required.

Family Medicine-Great River Medical Center will resume regular operations for patients who are enrolled with its providers.

With the transfer of services that had been offered by QuickCare, Family Medicine-Great River Medical Center will offer treatment for minor illnesses and injuries for anyone who is at least 18 months old. Pain medicine or long-term medicines are not prescribed. Patients must pay their insurance copayment or full payment before meeting with a health care provider. Coverage for services may vary by

insurance provider.

The telephone number will remain 319-768-4320. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Family Medicine-Great River Medical Center is prepared to resume normal patient care.

To maintain social distancing at the Family Medicine clinic, appointment times will be staggered to reduce the number of patients in waiting rooms. Seats will be at least six feet apart.

Great River Health followed strict cleaning procedures before COVID-19, and it continues its practice of disinfecting examination and procedure rooms between patients.

Screening for COVID-19 symptoms, including body temperature, and recent travel continues.

Everyone inside the clinic is required to wear a mask. Patients are encouraged to bring their own masks, but they are available at the screening station.

Clinic patients may not be accompanied by a visitor except:

Patients under 18 may have one visitor who is a parent or guardian.

Patients requiring special assistance may have one visitor or guardian.

To get other accurate information, visit [GreatRiverHealth.org](http://GreatRiverHealth.org) or dial 211 to call the Iowa Department of Public Health.

### Channel cats good on rivers, but rains hampering other fishing holes

DES MOINES - Water temperatures hit the 60’s when the sun comes out. Heavy rains over the weekend but water remains in good condition. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Anglers continue to pick up a few bass with the males in shallow. Black Crappie - No Report: Just not in yet; could change in a hurry on the next sunny warm day. Bluegill - Slow: The weather has set them back out to deeper water.

#### Lake Belva Deer

Very heavy rains over the weekend brought the lake level up several inches and the water clarity down to 2-3 feet; down to 6 inches at the up-

per end of the lake last Monday. Has been improving since then. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Water temperature is struggling to hit the 60’s. Bass are trying to adjust to the conditions. Black Crappie - No Report: Anglers are catching some crappies out in 10-12 feet of water. Expect the spawn to happen fast when it does.

#### Lake Darling

Very heavy rains over the weekend gave us near 0 water clarity on Monday; lake level was up a foot or more above normal. Water level is back to near normal; water clarity is about 12 inches. Water temperature is 60 degrees. Largemouth Bass - Slow:

A few of the males are in shallow defending territories. Black Crappie - Slow: During the first part of last weekend they were starting to come in to spawn; heavy rains stopped that. Bluegill - Slow: The water needs to clear back up.

#### Lost Grove Lake

Water temperature hit the low 60’s the first part of last weekend, but has had a hard time hitting it since. Water clarity is still good. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Anglers report that male bass are in shallow picking out nesting spots. Females are out a little deeper waiting for the water to warm more. Bluegill - Fair: Bluegill

fishing has been decent when the weather cooperates. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappie fishing picked up over the weekend, but slowed since.

#### Skunk River

(Coppock to Mississippi River)

River levels came up some with the rain, but not too bad. A few new trees are in the water in the Brighton area. Channel Catfish - Good: Use cut bait or nightcrawlers fished out in front of the brush piles and in the back eddies below the bigger sand bars where catfish wait for food to drift by.

For more information on the above lake, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

### All TB & Immunization Clinics Have Been Postponed

In order to protect the health & safety of Lee County residents during this time, clinics have been postponed through May.



Please call our office with any questions and watch our Facebook page for more information:  
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# Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2020

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met electronically due to the COVID-19 Outbreak, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Ron Fedler, Gary Folluo, Rick Larkin, Matt Pflug and Rich Harlow

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

At 9:01 a.m. Fedler opened a Public Hearing for comments on the

County's FY20 Budget Amendment. There were no comments received prior to the meeting and no comments during the hearing. At 9:02 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Harlow, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye, Folluo-aye and Fedler-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2020-73. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Pflug-aye, Harlow-aye, Folluo-aye and Fedler-aye.

#### Resolution #2020-73

Resolution - Adoption of Budget Amendment FY2020

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been completed concerning the Proposed Lee County

Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in accordance with the Iowa Department of Management guidelines and, per Iowa Code Section 331.434, Subsection 5;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, the Public Hearing is acknowledged and the Budget Amendment as presented is hereby adopted.

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 19th day of May 2020.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member; /s/ Rich Harlow, Member; and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2020-74. Roll call: Folluo-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye, Pflug-aye and Fedler-aye.

#### Resolution #2020-74

Resolution for Amended Appropriations FY2020  
Whereas, Resolution #2019-68, dated June 25, 2019 must be updated to correctly reflect the adjustments to appropriations for each of the different county officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors to amend Resolution #2019-68 as stated below:

seconded by Larkin, to approve a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Fat Jimmy's Smoke House and Spirits, Montrose, for the period May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April 2020 and the Sheriff's Monthly Report for April 2020.

Committee Reports: Folluo reported on a Restore Lee County Board meeting and the Department Heads' bi-weekly meeting. Larkin reported on the Department Heads call, a Landfill Commission meeting and a Workforce Development Board meeting. Harlow reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting.

At 10:45 a.m. a motion was made by Pflug, seconded by Harlow, to adjourn. Motion carried. There is a special electronic board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be an electronic meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Ron Fedler, Board Chairman

Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lee County Iowa Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Testing**  
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9 AM – 12 PM  
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Applications are available at the Lee County Sheriff's office or on the Lee County website at <https://www.lee-county.org/announcements.htm>

Application to test must be returned to the Lee County Sheriff's office by Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 3:30 PM.

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### LEE COUNTY IOWA Expenditures by Department for FY2020

Department	Budget	Appropriation	Amended
Board of Supervisors	1,678,799	1,622,260	1,678,799
Auditor	881,594	881,594	881,594
Treasurer	764,175	764,175	764,175
Attorney	1,004,044	1,004,044	1,004,044
Sheriff	4,242,296	4,062,791	4,232,296
Recorder	570,740	552,658	570,740
Secondary Roads	8,184,193	8,184,193	8,184,193
Veteran Affairs	121,287	121,287	121,287
Conservation	1,213,619	1,213,619	1,213,619
Board of Health	3,988,787	3,988,787	3,988,787
Community Services	1,866,388	1,834,388	1,866,388
Human Services	78,058	78,058	78,058
Medical Examiner	150,000	125,000	150,000
Maintenance	595,264	595,264	595,264
Building Repair & Maint.	494,516	331,516	494,516
Non Departmental	4,669,842	4,669,842	4,669,842
Total	30,493,602	30,029,476	30,493,602

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 19th day of May, 2020.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member; /s/ Rich Harlow, Member; and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Folluo, to approve the Saturday, May

9, 2020 and the Tuesday, May 12, 2020 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Presentations were made for an Ambulance Service from the Cities of Fort Madison and Keokuk and from Lee County EMS.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to approve a 1 year contract with Lee County EMS and to investigate going to a public run service. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye, Folluo-aye, Pflug-aye and Fedler-aye.

Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Pflug, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Harlow, to approve an amendment to a 28E Agreement with Central Lee Community School District for the School Resource Officer Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to appoint Alicia Haynes as Weed Commissioner for 2020. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to approve the second reading of the amended ATV Ordinance. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Folluo-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye and Fedler-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for PaPa's Bar and Grill, Keokuk, for the period June 2, 2020 through June 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo,

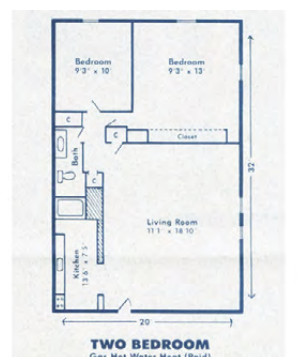
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# Local districts have options on summer learning

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learn as we open this up to more Iowans. There's going to be bumps along the way and we expect that."

Ann Lebo, the state's Dept. of Education director confirmed the reopening of school-sponsored activities on June 1 at local discretion. She said not only are the sports programs authorized to begin, but also summer learning activities for students, including academic enrichment under the guidelines provided the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Dept. of Education.

"Summer learning is a local decision based on the needs of community in consultation with local public health officials," Lebo said.

Reynolds said closing school was the toughest decision she's made in the past 11 weeks.

"For me, nothing signifies getting life back to normal more than getting these kids reconnected to their schools," she said.

"Normal will look and feel different but I believe we'll all feel 'different' can feel pretty good."

Reynolds also took a swipe at reporters for wanting to only talk about data and testing, while not looking at the other side of the pandemic.

"You never wanna talk about the other side of that. The children locked in homes with abusive parents and we don't have eyes on them like we did when they were in school," Reynolds said.

"We don't talk about the increase in people suffering from substance abuse. Don't talk about the impact of Iowans who've lost jobs and are sitting at the kitchen table trying to figure out how to pay the mortgage."

With 20 deaths reported yesterday, the highest single-day total since reporting began, Reynolds said any death is devastating and Iowa's efforts to minimize the impact of the virus has resulted in one of the lowest death rates in the country.

She said data still shows that for the 20% of people, those with underlying health conditions and older Iowans, the virus can be devastating.

"If you fall into that category, nothing has changed," she said.

"We've never said we were going to prevent people from getting COVID-19. That's unrealistic and unattainable. What we have to do is learn to live with it and manage the virus.

"There's a societal cost to just shutting down and not moving realistically forward through this pandemic. I'm telling ya, I have faith in Iowans and their ability to be personally responsible. And I have tremendous faith in our businesses because they are demonstrating it every day."

## Miller gets behind first responder act

DES MOINES — Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller is joining a bipartisan coalition of state attorneys general urging Congress to pass S.3607, the Safeguarding America's First Responders Act.

The act would permit the families of first responders who die or are permanently and totally disabled as a result of COVID-19 to receive the same federal benefits extended to first responders, or their survivors, otherwise killed or injured in the line of duty. Current federal law would only allow survivors access to certain benefits if evidence is provided proving the deceased or permanently disabled first responder contracted COVID-19 while on duty.

"As our first responders risk their personal health and safety to protect us, it is crucial that we stand behind them in support in any way we can. This bill would take the necessary steps to provide assurance to our first responders and their families that they will be taken care of," Miller said.

This legislation is sponsored by Sens. Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Cory Booker of New Jersey. It recently passed the U.S. Senate and is being considered by the House of Representatives.

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